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FOR: REDUCING MACHINE ROTOR ASSEMBLY AND  
METHODS OF CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING THE SAME

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Kindly, add claim 36.

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material:

- a. a drive shaft and mechanism for driving said shaft in a direction of rotation, said drive shaft incorporating axially spaced radially projecting spacers along its axis;
- b. a series of radially projecting hammers situated along the axis of said shaft on said spacers and powered by said shaft, the hammers having a heads with a leading face portion and a trailing face portion extending radially outward of said spacers;
- c. fragmenting knives removably secured to said leading portions of said

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